

MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2018
7:00 PM

Committee Room
Second Floor, Durham City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

Attendees: Gene Carleton, Andrew Jacobson, Jeremy Thornhill, Frank Glover, Amanda De Hoedt, Rebecca Board, Ivona Piper, Aidil Ortiz, Esteban Bortiri, Emily Egge, Julia Katz, Cha'ssem Anderson, Michael Moorman

Excused Absences: Akram Al-Turk, Rawlins Clarke,

Staff present: Bryan Poole, Dale McKeel

City Council Liaison: None

County Commissioner Liaison: Heidi Carter

Community Members Present: Jennifer McDuffie, Tom Huzij (Bike Durham rep), John Kent, Tricia Smar,

I. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from the December 19 meeting were unanimously approved

II. Public Comment - Jen McDuffie stated that Bike Durham and the Partnership for a Healthy Durham have set up a "Go Fund Me" page to raise funds for bicycle education in Durham elementary schools. The goal is to raise \$500 a month for fourth grade bike education with the Durham School System. Jen wants to do eight schools this year.

III. Presentations - None

IV. Committee Reports

- Education, Encouragement and Engagement Committee Report (Julia Katz)
 - ✦ The current BPAC website was discussed. It was decided that agendas, minutes, and other documents would be moved to the City of Durham website. BPAC will use Facebook and Twitter for community outreach and feedback. A few people on the committee will manage the Facebook and Twitter communications. They will soon be doing messaging about health behavior, and the economic benefits of biking and walking. The website will also be a useful way to help the committee publicize Bike Month this spring. The committee is also exploring how to support Durham Vision Zero and exploring tactical urbanism in Durham.
 - ✦ There was further discussion about the disposition of the current bikewalkdurham.org. It was suggested that this page be maintained as a splash page with links to other pages and plans. It was suggested that Square Space could be used to create and maintain the splash page. It was also suggested that

the BPAC logo might need to be changed. Julia suggested that we use this logo for the proposed Facebook page.

- Development Review Committee Report (Emily Egge)

- ✦ This committee didn't meet because of winter weather.
- ✦ There was comment/ discussion regarding snow, sand, and debris in bike lanes and how this does not support the city's Vision Zero program.

- Bike and Pedestrian Plan Implementation and Evaluation Committee Report (Andrew Jacobson)

The PIE committee met on January 11, 2017 at Q-Shack. Attendees: Andrew Jacobson, Esteban Bortiri, Dale McKeel, Bryan Poole, Dan Clever

- ✦ Bryan unveiled a spreadsheet tallying (or benchmarking) the City's investments in bike and pedestrian infrastructure. This is a difficult task because these projects are oftentimes part of a larger project with multiple funders that can take multiple years. Therefore, we are particularly pleased to see the spreadsheet and this first attempt at getting an estimate of Durham's expenses on bike/ped infrastructure. We believe this could be valuable for benchmarking purposes. PIE provided a few comments. Bryan will introduce it at the BPAC Annual Retreat later in January.
- ✦ We also reviewed the City's Draft Vision Zero Action Plan. We discussed several amendments and additions to the existing comments. Our comments were largely focused on engineering improvements. These comments are reflected in the letter sent to the full BPAC commission.
- ✦ We also discussed where a potential demonstration project of adding bollards (or other physical separation between a motor vehicle travel lane and bicycle lane) could best be placed. We thought the bike lanes along MLK Parkway could be a good demonstration project.
- ✦ Finally, we also discussed the status of Dallas Street connector to the American Tobacco Trail. Esteban will check with Lindsey Smart of the Parks Dep't who was considering including it in this year's CIP request.

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- Updates from Liaisons

- Duke University (Jeremy Thornhill) - Not much to report. A pilot program was approved with Lime Bike and Spin. A total of fifty bikes are on Duke Campus for a three month pilot program.
- Durham Open Space and Trails (TBD) - Nothing to report. BPAC does not currently have a DOST Liaison. Gene cycled along the American Tobacco Trail to identify various access points. He will check back to us on this progress.

- NC Central University (Cha'ssem Anderson) - NC Central received a 10% rate of response on commuter survey results. A common theme was – “there is no place to walk to from campus,” and in addition to this survey NCCU has been in talks with the dockless bike share companies regarding the number of bikes on the campus as part of a pilot program. There will be exclusion zones to the bike-share on campus. A fraternity wants to do a 24 hour “ride for hunger” in the spring using bike share bikes. The logistics of this event needs to be worked out.
- Planning Commission (Akram Al-Turk) – No updates
- Recreation Advisory Commission (Gene Carleton) – The RAC is working on a presentation to take too neighborhood organizations on Parks & Trail's. The RAC recently received a presentation on the Parks and Recreation Department's CIP process. Also Gene will offer a presentation on E-Bikes at the February DOST meeting – discussing rules of traffic concerning these bikes, and the fact that they are considered a vehicle. Gene wants to give people the opportunity to cycle that normally wouldn't.

V. Old Business

- Durham Belt Line Trail Master Plan (Dale McKeel) – The consultant is working on a draft of the master plan document. Dale will be going to the steering committee for comments then he will be organizing a public meeting for comments by late February.
- Retreat/Vision Zero (Dale McKeel) - Dale handed out Vision Zero Action Plan Draft. This will be a major topic at the upcoming retreat.
- BPAC Annual Retreat (Jeremy Thornhill) - January 20, 2017. Andrew wanted to submit comments on the action plan before the retreat. We can approve these at the retreat. It was decided to co-join any comments from committees before the retreat is held on Saturday January 20th. They will be submitted to Ann. We will discuss Vision Zero and its role with the City of Durham.

VI. New Business

- None

VII. Staff Report / Questions

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM